

**STORM WATER ADVISORY TASK FORCE (SWATF)
MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2008 CONFERENCE CALL**

(Approved at December 9, 2008, SWATF meeting.)

ATTENDEES

SWATF Members: Ms. Tracie Billington (for Mr. Mark Cowin) - Department of Water Resources (DWR); Mr. Drew Bohan – California Ocean Protection Council (OPC); Mr. Geoff Brosseau - California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA); Mr. Tom Dalziel - Contra Costa County; Mr. Noah Garrison (for Mr. David Beckman) - Natural Resources Defense Council; Dr. Mark Gold - Heal the Bay; Dr. Mark Grey - California Building Industry Association; Ms. Lillian Kawasaki - Water Replenishment District of Southern California; Dr. Timothy Lawrence - University of California at Davis; Mr. Scott McGowen - California Department of Transportation; Ms. Linda Sheehan - California Coastkeeper Alliance; and Mr. Al Wanger - California Coastal Commission.

Absent SWATF Members: Mr. Kevin Buchan - Western States Petroleum Association; Ms. Mary Lee Knecht - Sacramento River Watershed Program; and Mr. Jon Van Rhyn - County of San Diego.

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board): Ms. Meghan Brown, Ms. Bridget Chase, Mr. Bruce Fujimoto, Mr. James Herink, Mr. Andrew Lawrence, Mr. James Maughan, Ms. Erin Ragazzi, and Ms. Danielle Siebal.

Members of the Public: none

Facilitator: none

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- 1) Follow-up on edits to the letter to DWR (SWATF Members and Ms. Erin Ragazzi, Division of Financial Assistance [DFA])
 - Discussion regarding some disagreement on language choice
 - Compromises reached on each issue
 - Letter will be revised accordingly, and sent out for final review

- 2) Review, discuss, and provide comments on Working Draft 2 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGPP) Guidelines (SWATF Members and Ms. Erin Ragazzi, DFA)
 - Ms. Erin Ragazzi provided a summary of significant revisions since the first Working Draft Guidelines that were reviewed at the previous, September 15, 2008, SWATF Meeting
 - Follow-up comments/questions/discussion:
 - Need to define 'Environmental Justice Community' vs. 'Disadvantaged Community'
 - Some concern that the Guidelines do not focus on recycling or storm water capture and reuse
 - Why allow for projects on private land?

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- This is also consistent with language from Assembly Bill (AB) 739 (Statutes 2007, Chapter 610, Laird). Such projects will not be the norm, but are allowed.
 - Per the Working Draft 2 Guidelines, the grantee would be required to obtain adequate rights of way for the useful life of the project
 - Could we allow for 303(d) listing as well as Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)-related projects?
 - No- The language included in the Working Draft 2 Guidelines reflects that provided in AB 739
 - Concern about excluding projects that address trash problems (that cannot be addressed with Low Impact Development) where there is no trash TMDL in place
 - How could we allow for 'non-Low Impact Development (LID) or TMDL' projects without making the eligible project type too broad
 - If necessary, we could address this issue with an amendment to the Guidelines (i.e., to modify eligible project types) after Round 1
- 3) Public Comment and Open Discussion
- None
- 4) Update on Proposed Storm Water Grant Program Timeline (Ms. Erin Ragazzi, DFA)
- All dates are subject to change as needed.
 - The public workshop dates are tentative. A notice will be sent out to SWATF members and the public once the workshop dates are finalized.
- 5) Update on effectiveness assessment document subgroup (Mr. Bruce Fujimoto, Department of Water Quality [DWQ])
- This subgroup is assisting in the preparation of a comprehensive State Water Board guidance document for evaluating and measuring the effectiveness (i.e., reductions in pollutant loads and improvements to water quality) of municipal storm water management programs
 - The group is reviewing existing documents (i.e., CASQA and United States Environmental Protection Agency documents) on project assessment and evaluation methods, language from existing Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits, etc.
 - The National Research Council's *Urban Storm Water Management in the United States* includes some information on effectiveness assessment that will be considered
 - Contract dollars are available to support this effort

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- A SWATF Member is developing a draft outline for the document. The idea is to synthesize the existing info and determine how the subgroup can add value.

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- State Water Board staff to send SWATF members an updated version of the draft letter to DWR (with comments from the meeting incorporated), and allow a limited timeframe for final comments from SWATF members.
- Any additional comments on the Working Draft 2 SWGP Guidelines are due to Ms. Erin Ragazzi by October 29, 2008.
- Assessment document subgroup will continue assisting with the preparation of a comprehensive State Water Board guidance document for municipal storm water program evaluation and effectiveness measurement.

NEXT SWATF MEETING

- Meeting at Cal/EPA Building, Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM